November 20, 2019

This is a limited compilation of CURRENT opportunities for action. Additional suggestions are welcomed at: marynpaul@comcast.net we will make every effort to share them as quickly as possible.


GUN VIOLENCE

ST. EDMUND CHURCH (Oak Park) Monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence – SATURDAY, November 30th, 6:30 – 7:00 PM "The last Saturday of each month, please join us on the rectory lawn from 6:30 to 7pm for our monthly Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence."

Support HR 1585 – “Violence Against Women” Act: passed by the U.S. House of Representatives this spring, sitting on the Senate calendar since April 10th! https://everytown.org/act/

ENVIRONMENT

Chicago Youth Climate Strike – Friday, December 6th, 11AM-1PM – (Millenium Park to Federal Plaza) “bring your rosary and pray with us!”

CATHOLICS UNDERSTAND that the CLIMATE EMERGENCY IS REAL!

All Ages are Welcome to Join Us at the
CHICAGO YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Start: Crown Fountain, Millennium Park
(Intersection of Monroe Street and Michigan Avenue)
March to Federal Plaza

Pray with Us; March with Us.

Add your name to the petition - urge Governor Pritzker to take action before invasive Asian Carp cause irreversible damage to the whole Great Lakes region.
https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Illinois?actionId=AR0218424&id=7013q000002BcrJAAS&data=1ff60b0fb2b3c15041b7a9d811ebe8328501c98e3af2078705cd6a798d4addf98a2b5f1e5f4bc75af84f6176849f84a

“Proposals to fortify the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Joliet, Illinois, a critical choke-point for invasive Asian Carp about 50 miles downstream of Chicago, are on hold awaiting Governor Pritzker’s action. The Governor needs to sign a letter of agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This letter will allow the Corps to move forward with the next phase of the project: Preconstruction, Engineering and Design.”

“As people of faith and conscience we must speak out on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society who are suffering the worst effects of climate change. In pledging to be Faith Climate Voters we are putting love into action for every living creature and every vulnerable community suffering the devastation of climate change.” https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/voter-pledge-form/
Interfaith Prayer Vigil – **December 6th @ 7:15 am - 8:00 am – 1930 Beach St, Broadview** (South of the Eisenhower, west of 25th Ave.) “Join us every First Friday of the month for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil at the Broadview detention center. We gather in solidarity with people who are detained or being deported. People of all faiths are welcome.”

**PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN DETENTION AND FAMILIES WHO WERE SEPARATED AT OUR BORDERS**

- Pray for those being deported, **that they be safe.**
- Pray for those whose court dates are this week, **that they have a favorable outcome.**
- Pray for those released from detention and assisted by the ICDI hotline **that they travel safely and get home to loved ones.**
- Pray for the unaccompanied immigrant children that we visit in centers in Chicago, **that they be reunited with family quickly and know they are loved.**
- Pray for the people in the Marie Joseph House of Hospitality and in various 2nd stage houses, **that they adjust well to life in the US and know they are welcome.**

**Requests from Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants**

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<td>Aenholdel</td>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>Please pray for him, his family, esp for his case &amp; court day on Dec 2nd.</td>
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<td>Salabarra</td>
<td>Cuba</td>
<td>Pray for him, his family, and his case.</td>
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<td>Kerwin</td>
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<td>Pray for him, his family &amp; his case.</td>
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<td>Elio</td>
<td>Honduras</td>
<td>Pray for him &amp; his brothers who are helping him pay for a bond. Pray for his family.</td>
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<td>Flabrain</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
<td>Pray for him. Pray esp for his final court day.</td>
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<td>Valentin</td>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>Pray for him &amp; his finance. Pray for his family. Pray that he can get money for a bond.</td>
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<td>Alejandro</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>Pray for him &amp; his wife &amp; daughter. Pray for his case.</td>
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<td>Jose</td>
<td>Honduras</td>
<td>Pray that he can be free, and also for his children in Cuba.</td>
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<td>Maycolh</td>
<td>Nicaragua</td>
<td>Pray for his family &amp; for his children.</td>
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<td>Vincente</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>Pray for his family &amp; siblings.</td>
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<td>Yardamo</td>
<td>Cuba</td>
<td>Please pray for his family in Cuba, and for his pregnant wife in FL.</td>
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<td>Omar</td>
<td>El Salvador</td>
<td>Please pray for his mother &amp; siblings.</td>
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<td>Damas</td>
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<td>Pray for his family - that they can get money for his bond.</td>
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<td>Yulian</td>
<td>Cuba</td>
<td>Pray for his family, his daughter Emmy's birthday, and for his court case.</td>
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<td>Jose</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>Please pray for my adult children: Juan, Erik, Cesar, Elizabeth, &amp; Emily, and for my wife Hilda.</td>
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<td>Juan</td>
<td>Guatemala</td>
<td>Pray for my family in Guatemala, my wife, and immigrants at the border.</td>
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<td>Edwin</td>
<td>Honduras</td>
<td>Pray for my brother Jonathan, my mother Sara, and my father Edwin. Pray for me and my case.</td>
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<td>Jorge</td>
<td>El Salvador</td>
<td>Pray for my brothers; Jose, &amp; Daniel and my sisters &amp; my mother Petranila. Please pray for me and my case.</td>
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<td>Gendris</td>
<td>Cuba</td>
<td>Pray for me &amp; my case, also for my family. I'm a doctor in my country. Pray for all doctors.</td>
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<td>Emmanuel</td>
<td>Cameroon</td>
<td>I am requesting prayers for my interview. Pray that my spiritual life gets stronger. Pray for my mother Rosaline that she may be strong - she is all I have. Pray too for my time here. It has not been easy - may it improve.</td>
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SAVE THE DATE: Posada for Immigration Reform: Friday morning, December 13th (7-9AM) –

**XIV ANNUAL POSADA**

**SEEKING IMMIGRATION REFORM**

Join us to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who — as the Holy Family sought a place to stay — are seeking legislative shelter. “Posada.”

Friday, December 13, 2019
7 – 9 a.m.
101 West Congress Parkway / Ida B. Wells Parkway

The route will begin at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (25 West Van Buren Street) and continue to Chicago University’s Loop Campus (111 S. Halsted Street), Federal Plaza and St. Peter’s (110 West Madison Street).

For more information, please contact Maura at 312-534-8665 or maura@archodiocese.org

...and more...

**Restore the Voting Rights Act**

**Call:** Your one House rep

**Script:** “Hi, I’m a constituent from [ZIP], and I want all citizens to be able to exercise their right to vote. The [Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr4) would curb the sharp increase in discriminatory voter suppression laws by restoring key provisions of the Voting Rights Act (which has always had strong bipartisan support). Can I count on [NAME] to vote YES on H.R. 4 when it comes to the House floor this week? Thank you.”

**SAVE THE DATE:** Tuesday evening, December 17th, 6:30PM @ Old St. Pat’s
AMATE HOUSE – accepting applications for 2020-2021 [https://amatehouse.org/](https://amatehouse.org/)

**Amate House Applications**

Amate House, a year-long leadership development and service program in Chicago for young adults between the ages of 21-29, is now accepting applications for its next program cycle that begins in July 2020. To learn more, please check out our website or call Amate House to speak with Natalie Crary or Dave Holmes at 773.376.2445.

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"Ask Congress to fund re-entry programs for incarcerated people:
Crucial programs that assist individuals preparing to leave prison are in jeopardy right now because Congress has not funded the FIRST STEP Act. Ask your senators and representative to [fund the FIRST STEP Act](https://www.firststepact.org/) to provide these crucial programs that reduce recidivism:

- Education courses, allowing incarcerated people to get a GED or take other general and advanced occupational education classes.
- Substance abuse treatment, for incarcerated persons who are addicted.
- Robust job training, preparing them for life in the workforce after prison.

[https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1324](https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1324)

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**DOING JUSTICE:**

Congratulations to LOUIS BUTLER (St. Giles) - 2019 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame Award